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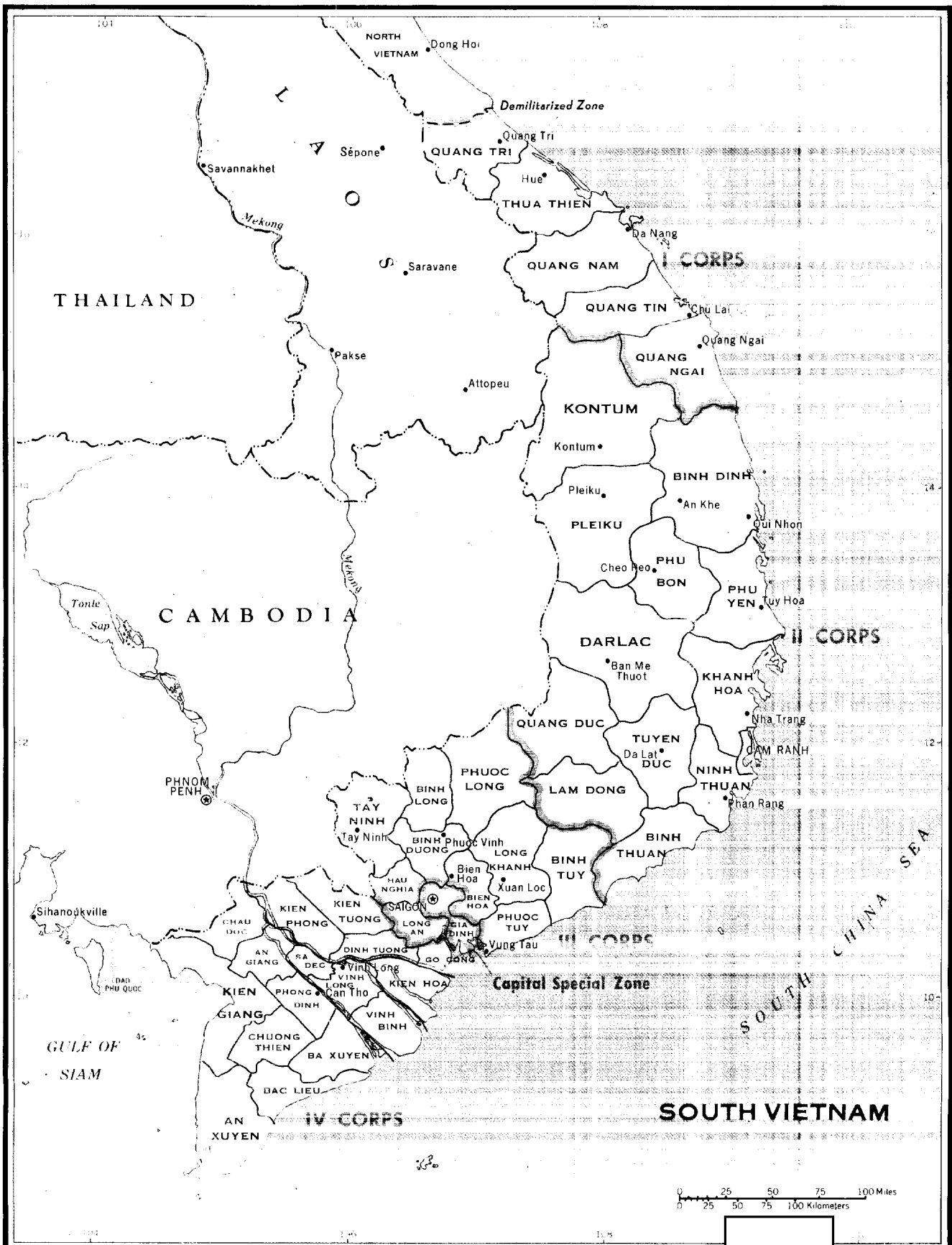
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*Vietnam: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT)

Military Developments in South Vietnam: US Marines moved into the southern Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) on 28 July in an attempt to destroy North Vietnamese mortar and artillery positions.

The action, carried out by three Marine companies participating in Operation KINGFISHER, was the first penetration of the DMZ since late May when Marines and South Vietnamese paratroopers swept the southeastern portion of the zone in force. No enemy contact has been reported thus far in the current operation. [REDACTED]

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Bolivia: The army is having little success against the Communist-led insurgents in south-central Bolivia.

Army patrols made only limited contact with the well-trained insurgents in a sweep operation against them last week. In addition, insurgents attacked an army outpost north of the guerrilla zone on 23 July.

The army's continued difficulties against the guerrillas--who seem to be able to roam at will throughout the area--and increasing evidence that local garrisons lack aggressiveness will weaken the Barrientos administration in the long run. The governments of neighboring Argentina and Paraguay are reportedly planning contingency measures if the situation deteriorates and the Bolivians request assistance. [REDACTED]

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USSR: [] combat ships are expected to join the Soviet Mediterranean fleet in the next three days. []

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[] two W-class submarines and two landing ships are entering via the Strait of Gibraltar. The [] landing ships, and the submarines are expected to relieve ships presently in the Mediterranean. Most of the Soviet warships visiting Egypt and all those visiting Syria put to sea this week. []

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